

Appln. No. 10/035,894
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1, line 7, "primary" is deleted, therefore requiring that the amino straight chain alkyltrialkoxysilane be secondary amino. Support for this can be found on page 17, lines 12-13, where it is disclosed that the amino straight chain alkyltrialkoxysilane can be a secondary amino. Claim 2 is amended to require that $x+y$ is 2. Support for this amendment can be found on page 17, line 19, wherein it is disclosed that $x+y$ can be 2 or less. This, therefore, discloses that $x+y$ can be 2. In Claims 2, 3, 4 and 5, all reference to "R" being aminoalkyl is deleted. Claim 10 is rewritten in independent form containing all the limitations of Claim 1 from which it depends and original Claim 10. Inserted are new Claims 22-29. These claims depend directly or indirectly from amended Claim 10 and are based on original Claims 2-9, respectively. Furthermore, the subject matter of Claims 22-26 is supported in the specification at page 17, line 13 to page 18, line 4. Support for Claims 27-29 can be found on page 12, line 18 to page 13, line 25. Support for Claim 27 is more specifically found at page 12, lines 25-26. Support for Claim 28 can be found on page 13, lines 20-25 and support for Claim 29 can be found on page 13, lines 1-2. Therefore, there is adequate support in the specification or in the application as filed for such claims.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 have been rejected in the Official Action. Applicants respectfully point out that the amendments presented herein obviate these grounds for rejection. In particular, the Official Action dated October 17, 2003 at item 4 stated that Claims 6 and 10 are objected to for depending on rejected claims.

Applicants respectfully thank Examiner Gorr for the telephonic interview of January 13, 2004. Applicants' Attorney contacted Examiner Gorr and requested that she explain what subject matter of the claims, in her opinion, were allowable in view of the comment at item 4. It was agreed with Examiner Gorr that Claim 1 should be amended to delete "primary" from line 7 of Claim 1 indicating that the amino straight chain alkyltrialkoxysilane must be secondary. It was further agreed in Claim 2 that the sum of $x+y$ must be 2 and this limitation was inserted in Claim 2. Further, with respect to

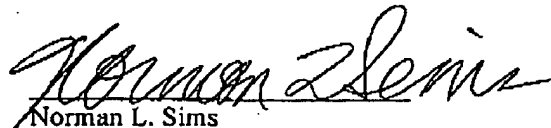
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the scope of R⁷ in Claims 2-5, it was agreed to delete reference aminoalkyl species from R⁷.

Applicants' Attorney also informed Examiner Gorr that Claim 10 would be rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of Claim 1 from which it depended and that additional dependent claims would be inserted which were of the scope of original Claims 2-9, but depending from Claim 10, such claims are now Claims 22-29.

It is Applicants' position that these amendments remove all grounds for rejection as stated in the Official Action and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of Claims 1-10 and 22-29.

Respectfully submitted,



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